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Title: IMPLANTABLE DEVICES AND METHODS FOR TREATING FECAL
INCONTINENCE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

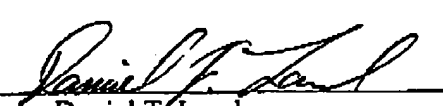
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, said period of response being extended from October 26, 2006 to December 26, 2006.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1778 the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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